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JCS Chairman Testifies On Vietnam Air Campaign

Bombing of strategic North Vietnam targets is an integral part of U.S. strategy in the Southeast Asian conflict, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Earle G. Wheeler told the Senate Armed Services Preparedness Investigating Committee Aug. 16.

Testifying before the committee during its current examination of American air operations over Vietnam, Gen. Wheeler said the start of aerial interdiction in the north and deployment of ground forces in the south in 1965 were interrelated steps by the U.S. to blunt the communist advance in South Vietnam.

Critical of tendencies to divide the conflict into parts—"bombing in the north, operations in the south, and revolutionary development,"—he said such thoughts were erroneous.

"Air strikes in North Vietnam have an important influence on combat operations in South Vietnam; combat operations in the south have a direct bearing on the success of revolutionary development, and each of these has a strong influence upon Hanoi's ability and determination to continue the war," the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs said.

He told subcommittee members the air campaign is going well, but that it must be viewed within the limited U.S. objectives which preclude widening of the war and conquest or overthrow of the Hanoi regime. Instead, he said, the U.S. aim is to reduce the flow of men and materials south and to make North Vietnam pay a heavy toll for its infiltration.

Three Coast Guard Aviators Selected To Serve with AF Units in Vietnam

Coast Guard has selected three of its aviators to serve with Air Force search and rescue units in Vietnam.

The assignment of Lt. Cdr. Lonnie L. Mixon and Lts. Jack C. Rittichier and Lance A. Eagan to fly Air Force CH-3C helicopters is part of an exchange program.

In return, Air Force is ordering Maj. James A. Lisko, Maj. Stewart S. Jordan and Capt. John A. Firse to duty with the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard pilots will begin survival training Oct. 14 at Fairchild AFB, Wash., then go on to helicopter training in Texas, Tactical Aircrew Qualification school in Florida and jungle survival school in the Philippines. In March they will begin 12-month tours with combat helicopter units in Vietnam.

LEGION OF MERIT—Brigadier General Wesley C. Franklin (right), deputy commander of the United States Army Security Agency is congratulated by Major General Charles J. Denholm, USASA commander, upon receiving the Legion of Merit at Arlington Hall Station, Virginia.

Defense Authorizes Hospital Construction For War-Injured Vietnamese Civilians

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has announced three hospitals will be built for Vietnamese civilians who are injured as a result of the war.

Hospitals will be at Da Nang, Chu Lai and in the Mekong Delta, possibly at Can Tho. Initial staffing at the hospitals will include nearly 1,100 U.S. military medical personnel, the secretary said.

He also reported 300 beds in existing U.S. military facilities will be made available within the next 90 days.

The Da Nang and Chu Lai hospitals, with 700 beds, are expected to be open by December. The 400-bed Delta hospital is expected to be ready by April 1968.

The 300 beds being turned over to the Vietnamese are at Tuy Hoa and Vung Tau. They are surplus to military needs and will be used by the Vietnamese until there is a military requirement.

Presently, Vietnamese with war injuries are treated on a space available basis in U.S. military hospitals, or at aid stations.

Washington Memos

PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS named Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration) Solis Horwitz a member of the Task Force on Communications Policy.

"PROJECT TRANSITION," DOD's program to help discharged veterans find civilian employment, is now in progress at San Francisco Naval Base, Randolph AFB, Tex., and the Marine Corps base at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The program has been operating since June at Ft. Knox, Ky.

AIR FORCE IS looking for additional applications for its Airman Education and Commissioning Program, particularly in the academic fields of aeronautical, astronautical, civil, and electrical engineering; electronic data processing; meteorology; photographic instrumentation; and precision photography. Airmen with college credits and at least a year on active duty are urged to contact local Personnel Offices for details.

NEW MOBILE WATER decontamination set being tested by Army Materiel Command Mobility Equipment Command's Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Ft. Belvoir, Va., is expected to be effective against both chemical and biological warfare agents. Dual effectiveness will simplify field water purification by eliminating need for separate decontamination methods for chemical and biological warfare agents.

AIR FORCE MAJORS Charles M. Duke Jr., Joe H. Engle, James B. Irwin, William R. Pogue, Stuart A. Roosa, and Alfred M. Worden were among the 21 Apollo astronauts who recently completed the Air Force Survival School at Fairchild AFB, Wash. They were the fourth group of astronauts to receive the desert survival training. Previous classes were conducted at Stead AFB, Nev.

BRIG. GEN. JAMES P. Jernigan has been named Chief, Consultant Division, Directorate of Professional Services, Office of Air Force Surgeon General, by Lt. Gen. Richard L. Bohannon, Air Force Surgeon General. Gen. Jernigan took his new office Aug. 1.

NAVY ADM. CHARLES D. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, received Gray Eagle Trophy during ceremonies Aug. 7 aboard USS America in Bay of Naples, Italy. Honor is accorded senior naval aviator on active duty.

CALORIMETER WHICH RECORDS heat output of the body on a continuous record accurate to 1/1000 of one degree centigrade has been developed by Navy. Navy said instrument will help in developing protective measures against heat stress.

COAST GUARD is attempting world's first Arctic circumnavigation. Two cutters, Edisto and Eastwind, are expected to complete 8,000-mile journey in late September. Coast Guard's icebreakers will conduct oceanographic studies of polar area to provide description of water masses along route for insight into exchange of water among Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic Oceans.

EIGHTH ARMED FORCES Television Conference will be held at Lowry AFB, Colo., Nov. 6-8. Conference's primary purpose is exchange of information between military users of television, and to acquaint potential users with capabilities of medium for educational, management and surveillance purposes.

THIRTEEN SERGEANT majors from Army Strategic Communications Command organizations in Western Pacific and Southeast Asia are holding weeklong conference in Taipei, Republic of China, to develop recommendations for policy changes that would improve training, equipment and personnel management of Army enlisted men. Recommendations developed during five-day working conference will be submitted to Major Command Sergeants Major Conference to be held by Department of Army in Washington, D. C., later this year.

AIR FORCE CENTRAL selection board to select officers for FY69 classes at Intermediate Services Schools convenes at the USAF Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex., Sept. 11. The board to select officers for Senior Service Schools is scheduled to meet next February.

MONTH OF AUGUST has been designated commemorative period for celebration of 125th anniversary of Naval Ordnance. President Tyler signed into law bill establishing original Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography on Aug. 31, 1842.

A CHANGE TO Air Force Personnel Manual 35-1 authorizes NCOs in grades of senior and chief master sergeant to sit as president of classification boards convened to consider personnel actions on airmen. A result of the Air Force Suggestion Program, the change is intended to enhance prestige of the senior noncommissioned officers.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE Brig. Gen. Douglas J. Peacher has been appointed to three-year term on Reserve Forces Board. Board is principal policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on matters pertaining to Reserve Components. He relieves Maj. Gen. Robert B. Bell whose term expired July 31.

AIR FORCE RESERVE 913th Troop Carrier Group has won highest award for flying safety within Air Force for 1966. Flight Safety Plaque was presented to Group Commander Col. Reg. L. Anderson by Lt. Gen. Henry Viccellio, Commander, Continental Air Command, at ceremonies at Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility, Pa.

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Background for Commanders

U.S. INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES*

In this age of emerging nations, attention is being increasingly focused on the need for foreign investment to bridge the gap between the capital which is available domestically and the capital which is needed to develop their economies.

The experience of the United States shows how important foreign investment can be to economic development. Less than 150 years ago the United States was an underdeveloped land—not only underdeveloped, but largely unexplored. To become the highly industrialized nation it is today, it relied heavily on foreign investment.

U.S. Government Foreign Aid

A young nation can seek foreign investment capital from government or private sources. Recognizing the need for government-to-government efforts, the United States has taken a leading role in promoting foreign investment in the developing countries largely through outright grants or long-term loans. In the 20 years since the United States embarked upon its first program of foreign aid after World War II, the U.S. Congress has appropriated some $40 billion of economic aid and technical assistance. At first, this was directed to rebuilding a war-ravaged Europe. Since the 1950s, however, U.S. aid efforts have been largely directed to the developing areas of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Annually more than $2 billion of American aid is now infused into the economies of about 70 countries.

Despite these efforts, however, it is clear more foreign capital will be required. A recent committee of private citizens appointed by President Johnson estimated that the difference between the growth needs of developing countries and what they are likely to get [from foreign governments] ranges between $5 billion and $20 billion annually. No conceivable increase in foreign-government-financed aid will be available to fill this gap.

The developing nation may obtain some foreign investment capital in exchange for its exports, but increased trade by itself or together with substantial foreign economic aid, important as they are, will not fulfill the capital requirements for sustained economic development. Aid and trade must be supplemented by private foreign investment.

Private Investment Capital

The U.S. Government is encouraging the flow of U.S. private investment capital to developing nations. A number of aids are offered an American seeking to invest in the economy of a friendly less-developed country.

We realize that foreign investment cannot carry the entire burden in the development of an economy if that development is to be long-term and meaningful. American investors are therefore encouraged to help develop local-national entrepreneurship, by giving the people the opportunity to learn and practice skills and know-how. Foreign investment can also serve as a catalyst and innovating force in launching development and creating a climate favorable to domestic capital formation.

To step up the flow of foreign private capital . . . will depend on increased efforts by the richer nations, as we have seen. But economic development will also require a positive, aggressive, and open attitude on the part of less-developed nations with respect to private foreign investment. The reality economics teaches us is that the world's resources are limited. It is therefore to any nation's advantage to put itself in the best possible "bargaining position" for the resources.

Where feasible, unnecessary restrictions on foreign capital should be removed. Political uncertainties and delays in obtaining the required policy decisions from government agencies may cause a prospective businessman to abandon investment plans. High customs duties on imported equipment, for example, or frequent changes in import duties may also cause second thoughts about a proposed project.

Common to many developing economies are inadequate local capital and credit, shortages of skilled labor and unknown credit records of many entrepreneurs. But even these can be overcome by the foreign independent investor if the attitude toward his investment is favorable and hospitable.

Fear of Colonialism

Some nations fear foreign investment as another form of colonialism. Fortunately, this attitude is being encountered less and less. A number of countries have active programs designed to attract private foreign investment. These steps may range from adoption of new investment laws for the encouragement and protection of foreign investors to the creation of local development banks or similar credit institutions to provide the necessary local financial participation.

In the United States we are constantly examining and evaluating the measures we are taking to help to meet the problem—and looking for new answers. It calls for the most creative thinking we can give it. Success in such an effort can bring nearer to realization the promise of economic health for all and real and stable peace in the world.

** Excerpts from a recent statement by Eugene M. Braderman, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Commercial Affairs and Business Activities.*

AF Device Simplifies Job Of Forward Air Controllers

Forward Air Controllers (FAC) in Southeast Asia will soon use one instead of four radios to communicate with Army units, fighter, reconnaissance and airlift aircraft and other elements of the Tactical Air Control System.

Air Force has developed a new device called, "FACTER," for Forward Air Control Communications Terminal. It is a small radio control unit which permits selective use of the various radios on the FAC vehicle. The unit can be used by the vehicle from a remote position without cumbersome landlines or heavy portable gear.

The unit can also be used to connect all the radios fixed in the FAC vehicle with any one of the various "manpack" types.

Officials said the use of one radio will appreciably improve FAC mobility with the ground force units.

Sixth Marine Medal of Honor Winner In RVN Cited in White House Ceremony

Marine GySgt. Jimmie E. Howard, who led an 18-man patrol in a more than five-hour battle against a battalion-size Viet Cong force, was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Johnson during White House ceremonies Aug. 21.

Gunnery Sergeant Howard, then a staff sergeant, was a platoon leader with C Company, when his unit was hit June 16, 1966, by the Viet Cong force while occupying an observation post deep within enemy controlled territory.

GySgt. Jimmie E. Howard

Using small arms, automatic weapons and mortars, the Viet Cong launched the first of several attacks against the patrol shortly after midnight.

"Reacting swiftly and fearlessly ... Gunnery Sergeant Howard skillfully organized his small but determined force . . ." moving from position to position to direct return fire.

Severely wounded by an enemy grenade, GySgt. Howard distributed his ammunition among the remaining members of his platoon, took over radio communications and directed repeated airstrikes against the enemy.

Despite five men killed and all but one wounded, the Marine unit was still in command of its position when evacuation helicopters arrived shortly after dawn. Warning the helicopters away, GySgt. Howard directed small arms fire and additional airstrikes against enemy automatic weapons positions to assure a secure landing zone.

The sixth Marine to receive the Medal of Honor for valor in Vietnam, GySgt. Howard is currently Battalion Training NCO, Service Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Air Force Poll of Major Commands Indicates Interest in Establishing Widows' Residence

An Air Force poll conducted by major commands has indicated "sufficient interest" to warrant consideration for establishment of a residence for widows and other dependents of enlisted Air Force members.

The Air Force Sergeants Association on behalf of the Air Force has volunteered to sponsor the project. Similar plans were started three years ago by the Air Force Village Foundation to establish a residence for dependents of officer personnel.

The Air Force poll indicated that about 55 percent of airmen contacted favored such a residence.

Almost 80 percent of NCO Wives' Clubs polled favored such a facility.

Swartz Named to DOD Post

Harry H. Swartz has been assigned as Deputy Assistant Secretary (Near East and South Asian Affairs) in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs).

Mr. Swartz was previously Staff Director of the Senior Interdepartmental Group at the State Department.

AF Expands Training For Medical Corps Officers

The Air Force has established additional residency training programs for medical corps officers desiring to specialize.

Each year more than 100 Air Force physicians enter clinical residence training under Air Force sponsorship.

The new programs at selected Air Force hospitals include the specialties of Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics and Radiology. Depending on the specialty, the programs are from two to four years.

AF Releases Film on Promotion

"Temporary Officer Promotions in the U.S. Air Force," is the title of a film recently produced "to provide a wider understanding of the officer promotion system."

Listed as Film Number FR766 and available through Air Force film libraries, it explains the history and development of the temporary officer program, recent increases in officer grade authorizations and promotion prospects for the foreseeable future.

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Price 5 cents (single copy). Subscription Price: $2.50 per year; $3.25 additional for foreign mailing.